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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

YUTAKA BAN, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/853,700

Filed: May 14, 2001

For: TONER SUPPLY CONTAINER)
AND ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC :
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 37-39 have been amended to improve their form and new Claims 40-51 have been added. Amended Claim 37-39 and new Claims 40-51 are allowable for the reasons discussed below.